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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages 6-7).

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 9 and ending on page 1, line 22 with the following paragraph:

Gas fumigation as currently practiced uses either ethylene oxide (epoxyethane, ETO) formaldehyde, vaporized peroxide or ozone. Each of these fumigants has disadvantages that limit their utility in fumigating large volumes, e.g. buildings or vehicles. Ethylene oxide is a flammable and explosive gas that is classified as both a

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